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Re: Supplement to Draft EIS

Dear Dr. Summerson:

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement recently sent to me by the Department of Energy. It have reviewed the supplement to the draft EIS and it occurs to me that the U.S. Department of Energy is going to great lengths to convince an unbelieving public that it can handle radioactive waste in a safe manner. Unfortunately, the Department of Energy has little or no credibility on this issue. Therefore the supplement to the Draft EIS and the separate Executive Summary on Yucca Mountain Project Science and Engineering Report are both unpersuasive.

As a resident of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, I would prefer that the United States Government spend its money building a railroad and a highway that would route all nuclear waste around the Las Vegas metropolitan area. No more money should be wasted trying to convince me and the general public that the Yucca Mountain Repository will be safe. Instead, the Department of Energy should concede that Yucca Mountain will be the repository for nuclear waste regardless of the scientific evidence. Then, money should be spent to divert the shipments of high-level radioactive wastes around my home town.

I, as most Navadans, do not believe that the government has my best interests in mind when it is building a nuclear waste repository in Nevada to satisfy utility companies out of state. I do not believe that the Department of Energy sincerely cares about the health and well being of the residents of Nevada. In my opinion the Department of Energy is merely squandering tax funds on a huge public relations

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campaign that is a complete failure. Please go back to Congress and request money to build the highway and railroad as I have suggested and bring this folly to an immediate conclusion.

It doesn't matter what the scientists conclude. High level nuclear waste will be dumped in Nevada. Quit trying to pretend that might not happen and get the trucks and trains routed around Las Vegas.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Very truly yours,

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